

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute currently amended claim 6 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

1. (Withdrawn) A method for enhancing the development of a cellular immune response to a preselected antigen in a mammal comprising exposing ex vivo or in vivo dendritic cells from said mammal to a conjugate comprising said preselected antigen covalently bound to an antibody to DEC-205, and promoting maturation of said dendritic cells ex vivo or in vivo by CD40 ligation.
2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein said preselected antigen is a peptide antigen or a protein antigen.
3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3 wherein said peptide antigen or protein antigen is conjugated to said antibody to DEC-205 by means of a cross-linking agent.
4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein a light chain or a heavy chain of said antibody to DEC-205, and said peptide antigen or protein antigen, are present on a single polypeptide chain.
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein said CD40 ligation is achieved by exposing said dendritic cell to an agonistic anti-CD40 antibody.
6. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the development of tolerance to a preselected antigen for which tolerance is desired, in a mammal comprising exposing ex vivo or in vivo dendritic cells from said mammal to a conjugate comprising said preselected antigen covalently bound to an anti-human DEC-205 antibody or an anti-murine DEC-205 antibody that binds to human DEC-205 under conditions that promote dendritic cell quiescence, said human DEC-205 protein comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 8 and 9, and wherein said preselected antigen is

selected from the group consisting of allergens, autoantigens and antigens participating in allograft rejection.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said preselected antigen is a peptide antigen or a protein antigen.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said peptide or protein is conjugated to said antibody to DEC-205 by means of a cross-linking agent.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein a light chain or a heavy chain of said antibody to DEC-205, and said peptide antigen or protein antigen, are present on a single polypeptide chain.
10. (Withdrawn) A conjugate for enhanced delivery of a preselected protein or peptide antigen to a dendritic cell, said conjugate comprising said preselected protein or peptide antigen covalently bound to an antibody to DEC-205.
11. (Withdrawn) The conjugate of claim 10 wherein a light chain or a heavy chain of said antibody to DEC-205, and said peptide antigen or protein antigen, are present on a single polypeptide chain.
12. (Withdrawn) A method for enhancing the delivery of a preselected molecule into a dendritic cell comprising the steps of preparing a conjugate comprising said preselected molecule and an antibody to DEC-205, and exposing said conjugate to a dendritic cell, wherein said conjugate is delivered into said dendritic cell.